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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted responsive to the office action of August 18, 2008. That action required election of species and restriction to one of five groups of the invention.

Responsive to that requirement, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-17 and 29-33, and the species identified as Species E.

The election of Group I is made with traverse, to the extent that it is respectfully submitted that Group III can also be included in this single inventive concept directed to the needle carrying portion. Thus, Applicant traverses to the extent that it believes it should be entitled to examination of claims 1-17 and 29-51 in a single group of the invention.

In connection with the election of Species E, Figure 22, all of claims 1-17, 29-33 and 34-51 read upon this species.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this paper. If any such fee is due, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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